

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, November 24, 2014 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 11/10/14
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2015
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Frank Fressie and Tom Beatty. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Ron Kelley, Road Foreman and Caryl Morash. Constable Dale Kerber and Ryan Rooker arrived at a later time in the meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 11/10/14. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Caryl Morash was present to express her concerns over what she described as merger discussions between the Town and Village. Mrs. Morash stated that the issue was last voted and rejected back in the 1980's. The Selectboard made it clear that in no way were there any discussions about merger in any way shape or form. The discussions between the Trustees and the Selectboard back in October were about mutual aid services over Highway services such as plowing some roads and sidewalks.

Copies of a letter from Josephine Williams regarding her opposition to the proposed solar projects to be located off of Windywood Acres Road from The Renewable Generation, LLC were distributed.

Constable Report: Dale Kerber was present to discuss police coverage issues and the possibility of increasing daily coverage. He introduced Ryan Rooker who works part-time for the Town of Fair Haven as a Special Officer. Issues discussed included the State Police contract, the Constable hours worked and past practices (ie including the defunct Town Police Department, the vote to re-establish a full-time Police Department that was soundly defeated back in the late 1980's, the Sheriffs contract before 1991 and the State Police Contract that began in 1991). The Constable average hours worked per month is 50. The State Police average is 80 hours per month for a total of 130 hours per month. This does not include hours worked by the State Police outside of the current contract. No action taken at this time.

Copies of several ordinances were handed to Dale Kerber for his review and comment. They included Noise in the Nighttime, Disorderly Conduct and Objectionable Noise. The first two were from Fair Haven and the language was altered slightly. The Objectionable Noise ordinance was from the Town of West Rutland. The City of Burlington Noise Ordinance was distributed several weeks ago. Dale will look these over and will provide some comments to the Selectboard in the next several weeks.

Road Report:

1) Potholes persist and will be filled as weather permits.

- 2) Long Trail Electric has provided a quote in the amount of \$ 1,760 to install a power outlet and to make some electrical upgrades at the Highway Garage to accommodate an emergency generator. Ron Kelley stated that he tested the slightly used generator at the Garage.
- 3) Part of the Endless Brook Road had slid. Road materials were brought in to fix the road as needed.
- 4) A portion of the High Road was blocked off by a new owner that was first thought to be in the Town of Wells. Ron Kelley will speak to Jeff Harrison about the issue.
- 5) Trucks are ready for winter road maintenance.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the October Financial Reports prepared by Susan Kasuba were distributed.
- 2) Copies of Expenditure Reports for the General Government, Highway Department and the Fire Department dated November 19th were distributed.
- 3) Copies of a letter date November 20th from Jim O'Gorman, District Manager for the Rutland County Solid Waste District were distributed. The letter refers to a Districtwide Ordinance that was distributed at an earlier meeting in November in addition to information about variable rate pricing guide and sample ordinances.
- 4) Rosenthal announced that Josh Kelley from the Agency of Natural Resources will be present along with Jim O'Gorman from the Rutland County Solid Waste District for the Poultney Pre-Town Informational Meeting to discuss Act 148, the new solid waste law that will require Pay as You Throw for solid waste.
- 5) Copies of several draft ordinances including Noise in the Nighttime, Disorderly Conduct and Objectionable Noise were distributed. These ordinances will be discussed at a later Board meeting in December for consideration and adoption.
- 6) Rosenthal attended a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting held at the Poultney Fire House last Thursday. The main topics were to review the Draft Emergency Management Chapter of the Regional Plan and to review the LEPC Plan & Guide.
- 7) Rosenthal is still working on renumbering 9-1-1 numbers for Westlake Road. The issue came up as a result of the Town of Wells renumbering Westlake Road without notifying the Town of Poultney.
- 8) Rosenthal hopes to have an updated Local Emergency Operations Plan submitted for Board approval by the next meeting.
- 9) Jaime Lee submitted a letter to the Board requesting an appointment to the Poultney Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). Jaime has a wealth of planning experience and has worked for the Rutland Regional Planning Commission as a Planner and the Town of Poultney on special assignments which included the Poultney Town Plan. Frank Fressie made a motion to appoint Jaime Lee to the ZBA. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 10) The Town has been awarded a Municipal Planning Grant for the latest round of grants. This grant will be used to update the Town Plan for renewal of the Poultney Downtown Designation, update the Capital Plan, and update the Water Operations Manual.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: None at this time.

Board Orders: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal